

St. Matthew's

Church of England Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

16th October 2020



Dear Parents,

This week we have been remembering our many blessings in this wonderful world and celebrating what we enjoy about autumn. We talked about how leaves are especially beautiful at this time of year and remembered that trees are getting ready for their winter sleep. David, the psalmist, reminds us in the Bible how we can 'sing for joy' about the blessings of God's world. The children have enjoyed looking at autumn leaves this week and have had fun making some autumn leaf pictures.

Reverend Elisabeth shared the story of Noah's ark on Tuesday, reminding us that God chose Noah to build the ark because he was responsible and could be trusted. God send a beautiful rainbow as a sign of the promise he made to never send such a flood again.

Thank you to George who wrote a prayer all by himself today about being safe on the internet as they were learning about this in class: *Dear God, help us to keep safe on the internet. Amen.*

Well done to the following children for their Responsibility Certificate from home: to Leon for going on a long, 10K, walk with his family; Ayla for self-correcting her work when writing out her spellings to improve her writing, as well as tidying up without being asked; to Jude for getting ready for school super quick every morning – even when tired; to Kaia for showing her little brother how to tidy up his toys; to Elliot for clearing up at the end of football training without even being asked; to Grace Mi for emptying the dishwasher all by herself and putting everything away; and to Hayley for being so helpful with the birth of her new brother – even cutting the cord – and being super helpful with everything since! (A midwife in the making?!) Such responsible behaviour everyone!

The final laps for the Mini-Marathon have been run on the common this week and the children have all been absolutely amazing – definitely running the extra mile! We are waiting for the medals to arrive and when they do, we will have a celebration with the children and award the medals with certificates – hopefully this will be next week. Thank you to everyone who has made donations or passed the link on to others as this Mini-Marathon has raised a whopping £1,768 for the school! Thank you also again to Lisa for enabling our school to take part and to all of the parent volunteers who helped each class with their running.

One of the school's neighbours has expressed concern that children are running down the pavements at drop off and pick up times and are unaware of cars coming in or out of driveways. Please can parents make sure that their children walk next to them to and from school.

We currently have a planning application for a new door to be created in an exterior wall in Otters class that will lead to a new canopy for extended classroom learning. I am just wondering if any of our parents know anyone that they can recommend who might give us a reasonable quote for putting a door in? If so, please can you email Mrs Wiggins on info@stmatthewsschool.co.uk.

Teachers are looking forward to seeing you all next week for the zoom parents evening meetings and have sent home some work books for you to look through together this weekend. Please can you ensure that all books are returned on Monday morning.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Hutt

AWARDS OF THE WEEK



Rabbits:	All of the Rabbit's parents for being so incredibly kind and generous – thank you for all the amazing toys! We love playing with them already.
Otters:	Elliot for giving everything a good go and building up his growth mindset.
Badgers:	Eva for being a super, hard working member of Badger class.

Wisdom Award:	R – Achilles for having settled very well into Rabbits Class and being a very responsible member of the class. O – Sara for sticking to the rules so well when running the mini marathon. B – Tilly for being a really responsible member of Badger class.
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Golden Tickets	Daniel B, Finn A, Julia F, Jena W, Xavier M, Poppy B, Scarlett A, Wilfried C, Evie Q, Wilfred C, Joshua B, Imogen B, Bella M and Izzy I.
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DIARY DATES

Tuesday 20 th October	3.30-6pm Parents Evening
Thursday 22 nd October	6-8.30pm Parents Evening
Friday 23 rd October	INSET DAY – teacher training



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